paradise

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para·dise [paradise paradises] BrE ['pærədaɪs] ** NAmE ['pærədaɪs] ** noun

- 1. (often Paradise) uncountable (in some religions) a perfect place where people are said to go when they die Syn: †heaven
 - The ancient Egyptians saw paradise as an idealized version of their own lives.
- 2. countable a place that is extremely beautiful and that seems perfect, like heaven
- a tropical paradise
- 3. countable a perfect place for a particular activity or kind of person
- The area is a birdwatcher's paradise.
- 4. uncountable a state of perfect happiness

Syn: †bliss

- Being alone is his idea of paradise.
- 5. Paradise uncountable (in the Bible) the garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve lived

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French paradis, via ecclesiastical Latin from Greek paradeisos 'royal (enclosed) park', from Avestan pairidaēza 'enclosure, park'. Avestan is an ancient Iranian language.

Example Bank:

- The airport is a paradise for pickpockets.
- · They all expected to go to paradise.
- They moved to the country hoping to find paradise.
- We found ourselves in a tropical paradise.
- · a paradise of golden beaches
- · an angel in paradise
- · the lost paradise of childhood

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[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: Late Latin, from Greek paradeisos 'enclosed park']

- 1. [uncountable] a place or situation that is extremely pleasant, beautiful, or enjoyable:
 - a beautiful tropical paradise
 - The hotel felt like paradise after two weeks of camping.
 - A home near the sea is my idea of paradise.
- 2. [singular] a place that has everything you need for doing a particular activity:

The market is a shopper's paradise.

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- Hawaii is a paradise for surfers.
- 3. Paradise [singular]
 - a) in some religions, a perfect place where people are believed to go after they die, if they have led good lives ⇒ heaven
 - b) according to the Bible, the garden where the first humans, Adam and Eve, lived
- ⇒ †bird of paradise, ⇒ be living in a fool's paradise at †fool¹(9)

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